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Examiner

Eric Coleman

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to claims filed 8/2/01 and RCE filed 11/22/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
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    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
Eric Coleman  
Primary Examiner

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James W. Huffman on August 9, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows: In the claims:

Delete the previous version of claims 20 and 23 and replace therewith the following:

20.(Amended) A computer program product for use with a computing device, the computer program product comprising: a computer usable storage medium, having computer readable program code stored on said medium for causing a microprocessor to be described, said computer readable program code comprising: First program code for providing a plurality of general purpose registers that are accessible by instructions executing in a non-privileged state; and Second program code for providing a plurality of privileged state registers that are accessible by instructions executing in a privileged state; and

Third program code for providing a mask register that is writable only when the microprocessor is in said privileged state, said mask register specifying ones of said plurality of privileged state registers to be accessible by instructions executing in a non-privileged state.

23. (Amended) Computer readable program code stored on a computer, the program code being transmitted as a computer data signal on a transmission medium and being for providing a privileged register set within a microprocessor, said program code comprising:

First program code for providing a plurality of privileged registers that are accessible by instructions executing while the microprocessor is in a kernel mode; and

Second program code for providing a mask register for containing a bit pattern, said bit pattern specifying ones of said plurality of privileged registers to be read-only accessible by instructions executing while the microprocessor is in a user mode.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Coleman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Chan can be reached on (571) 272-4162. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Coleman", with a stylized, flowing script.

**ERIC COLEMAN**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**